

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC  
JANUARY 23, 2017**

**Commission Members Present:** David Cleveland, Fabian Szarko and Kris Kirwan.

**Clerk:** Cheri Clark

**Call to Order:** Mayor David Cleveland called the January 23, 2017 Parks and Recreation meeting to order.

**Public Comments:** Bruce Barton, HOA Board Member, discussed the idea of a joint event on July 4, 2017. The HOA would like to host a car show in conjunction with the Village's Fourth of July celebration. The car show would be located at the far end of Russell Park. The show would be from 8am to 2pm and the vehicle registration fee would be 100% donated to a local charity. Bruce Barton is going to reach out to the Town of Matthews and request their car list.

Bruce Barton also suggested the option of having food vendors and a few product vendors at the event. Fabian Szarko suggested that if the Village decided to have food trucks instead of cooking then maybe we could offer free watermelon to compliment the meals. Mayor David Cleveland shared that he would not like to see the Village commercialize Fourth of July with product vendors. Mayor David Cleveland has several concerns that will need to be address concerning the car show including the number of car spaces, parking for the event, set up for the event in conjunction with the Common Heart races, weather and the event flow. Kris Kirwan made the motion to allow the car show to be held in conjunction with the Fourth of July event in Russell Park. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Mayor David Cleveland shared that Wil Ortiz could not be here this evening due to his Mother's failing health.

**Approval of Minutes:** Fabian Szarko made the motion to adopt the November 28, 2016 minutes as presented. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**Changes to the Agenda:** Kris Kirwan made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**Candidates for P&R Vacancy:** Mayor David Cleveland shared that initially there was one P&R vacancy for one year, however; the seat that Kris Kirwan filled expires in February 2017. We now have two positions open on P&R, a one year term and a two year term. Julian Mercer and Kevin Pimentel have expressed interest in serving on P&R.

Julian Mercer shared that he would like the opportunity to build upon the tremendously successful activities currently in place in Lake Park. Parks & Recreation is one of the main

reasons why he likes to call Lake Park home. Julian and his family have lived in Lake Park since 2006. He is interested in the one year term.

Mayor David Cleveland shared that due to a prior commitment, Kevin Pimentel was not able to attend the P&R meeting tonight. Kevin and his family have lived in Lake Park for 11 years and want nothing but the best for the Village as the Village moves forward. His family loves to frequent the playgrounds throughout the Village and the children are becoming quite the fishermen. Kevin works for the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department.

Fabian Szarko made the motion to appoint Julian Mercer to the one year term and Kevin Pimentel to the two year term. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. P&R will recommend the two appointments to Council in February.

**Council Actions:** Council approved in December and January the following expenditures:

1. Banners - \$3,300
2. Crepe Myrtles - \$1,200
3. Playground Mulch - \$2,680
4. Three year pool contract with Carolina Pool Management Company.
5. Appropriated \$4,000 from Contingency to Electrical Maintenance for the new Carillon System.

**Budget Report:** Mayor David Cleveland shared the following budget information:

1. Pool Operations – Appropriated \$3,000 from Pond Maintenance and \$3,000 from Park Maintenance to pay for the feature pool cover and new anchors.
2. Paid for the feature pool cover - \$3,500 and anchors - \$995.
3. Sand filter change is still outstanding - \$1,900
4. Christmas Tree lights – in the take down process.
5. Seasonal Banners – changing of the banners - \$348.
6. Lucas installed pine needles around the Community Center - \$810.
7. Tree and Shrub installation – Crepe Myrtles at Lake Charles - \$1,050.
8. Tree removal at Barnett Park, Lake Park Road and a couple of common areas - \$1,368.
9. Playground mulch - \$2750 – needed an extra 10 cubic yards,
10. Cul-de-sac Renovations - \$2,334.
11. Ice-melt at Community Center and Town Center - \$355.

**Facilities:** The basketball and tennis courts have been resurfaced. Fabian Szarko has noticed a couple of cracks in the tennis courts and has reached out to the vendor. Jonathan Meadow's requested that we wait until spring to evaluate the repairs. The Village has a warranty for any existing cracks. Two new tennis court benches have been installed for the players use.

Wil Ortiz provided pricing for the screening structure for the Community Center trash cans. Since Wil Ortiz could not attend the meeting, P&R will discuss the structure and cost at the February meeting.



**Landscaping:** Lucas Lawn and Landscaping has completed the cul-de-sac renovations.

The Natchez (white) and Catawba (purple) Crepe Myrtles should be planted at Lake Charles in the next couple of weeks.

Lucas Lawn and Landscaping has provided a quote for twelve 7 gallon 4 foot tall Howard Ligustrum to be installed at Barnett Park for screening. Kris Kirwan made the motion to approve the plantings. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Lucas Lawn and Landscaping installed 50 cubic yards of playground mulch at the Russell Park and Founders Park playgrounds.

Garden Club approved the purchase of an adult swing and would like to have the swing installed in Russell Park. The swing is wooden porch swing that is 4 feet long. There is a nice shady spot below the pet waste station that faces the pond that seems to be the perfect location. The swing is made of pressure treated lumber. The question of liability was raised by Sean Lowther. Kris Kirwan made the motion to approve the Garden Club donation. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**Pools:** Each summer there are several camps that use the pool. With two of the camps, the Village has to schedule extra lifeguards due to the number of people in the pools. One camp owner has joined the pool and then purchased guest passes for the campers which is not fair to the other camps which pay the per person walk-up rate. P&R will discuss the camp policy further at the February meeting. P&R will also review the Pool Membership Fees and Pool Rules for the 2017 season at the February meeting.

**Ponds:** There is a muskrat problem in the front entrance pond.

**Events:** P&R hosts six events a year: Memorial Day, Fourth of July and National Night Out are the largest events and Spring Clean-up, Chili Cook-off and the Christmas tree lighting are the smaller events. Planning events is a big responsibility and requires a ballpark of 90 to 100 hours for both the planning phase and the actual events. Mayor David Cleveland shared that he has talked to Angie Figiel to see if she would be interested in the position of Events Coordinator. Another option would be to form a volunteer Event Committee under Council to co-ordinate all the events and incorporate a Council liaison. The third option would be to stop hosting events all together.

The Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony was cancelled due to weather.

The Spring Clean- up will be held in conjunction with the Pool Member drive on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11 am.

The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 11 to noon.

The P&R Commission will go on a field trip of the parks and common areas in Lake Park prior to discussing the budget. A date will be determined at the February meeting.

Mayor David Cleveland thanked Kris Kirwan for his willingness to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Kris Kirwan's term expires February 1, 2017.

**Adjourn:** Kris Kirwan made the motion to adjourn. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cheri Clark*

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Village Administrator

